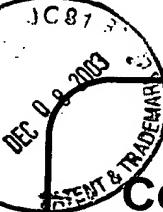


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**REQUEST
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- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
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- Other _____

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- Amendment/Reply
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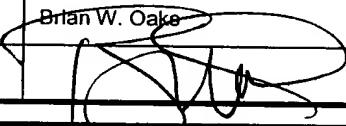
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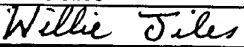
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